

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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TAGS: BTIO, BBIS, TC

SUBJECT:ABU DHABI COMMUNICATION SATELLITE PROJECT

1. NEA/ARP HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SYLVANIA REGARDING PRO-  
POSAL WHICH IT HAS MADE TO UAE FOR SWITCHING EQUIPMENT  
NEEDED FOR USE WITH EARTH SATELLITE. ACCORDING TO SYLVANIA,  
ABU DHABI TELEGRAPH COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF INTER-  
NATIONAL AIR RADIO LIMITED, WHICH IN TURN SUBSIDIARY OF  
BRITISH AIRWAYS, SOLICITED SYLVANIA TO GIVE IT A PROPOSAL  
FOR A FOUR WIRE GATEWAY EXCHANGE FOR COMMERCIAL SATELLITE.  
GATEWAY PERFORMS TELEPHONE SWITCHING. ADVANTAGE OF AMERICAN  
SYSTEM IS THAT IT GIVES STORED PROGRAM CONTROL AND IS  
SOLID STATE WHICH MAKES IT SMALLER THAN THE OLD SWITCHING  
SYSTEM AND ALSO MUCH MORE ADAPTABLE TO GROWTH AND CHANGE.

2. SYLVANIA UNDERSTANDS THAT DECISION IS IMMINENT BUT THAT  
THERE IS PRESSURE TO BUY BRITISH, NAMELY PLESSY. SYLVANIA  
CLAIMS THAT IT IS ONLY AMERICAN FIRM BIDDING FOR SUPPLY OF  
THIS TYPE EQUIPMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND AND  
ANY STEPS EMBASSY BELIEVES WE COULD USEFULLY TAKE TO SUPPORT  
US SUPPLIER FOR THIS SYSTEM. SYLVANIA'S MAIN CONTACT HAS  
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BEEN RAY MEERS IN ABU DHABI TELEPHONE COMPANY.

3. WE HAVE NOT PASSED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ABU DHABI  
1702 TO SYLVANIA BECAUSE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN IF IT REFERS TO  
SAME SATELLITE PROJECT. BROWN

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